



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2006

Robinson

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Judee Wells and Councilmember Richard Leider.

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Judee Wells, Councilmembers Betty Heckendorn, Richard Leider, and Tom Robinson.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Aaron Sharp.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Supervisor Bob Durr, Bruce Young.

CONFIRMATION OF BRUCE YOUNG'S APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL: Mayor Wells asked the Council to confirm her appointment of Bruce Young to file Position No. 1 replacing Betty Heckendorn, who chose not to run for re-election last fall. (Ms. Heckendorn attended the meeting tonight in her capacity as the holder of Council Position No. 1 as no one ran to replace her, and she was needed for a quorum to call the meeting to order.)

Motion: Councilmember Robinson moved to confirm the appointment of Bruce Young to Council Position No. 1 replacing Betty Heckendorn. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Immediately after this confirmation, Clerk-Treasurer Spens administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Bruce Young, who then took Ms. Heckendorn's place at the table, and Ms. Heckendorn departed.

MINUTES: Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the December 13, 2005 minutes as amended. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

HUITT-ZOLLARS BILLINGS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she remains concerned about the overall cost of services provided by Huitt-Zollars, which continues to include inspection-related charges for travel time and mileage from Puyallup as well as higher than anticipated administrative costs for preparing billings by project (among other things). She added that she will prepare a comprehensive review of charges for services comparing the current bills from Huitt-Zollars to previous billings from CHS Engineers and will report on her findings next month.

HANSON GARAGE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she discussed the current situation with Town Attorney Stewart, who advised that the property on which the garage sits is right-of-way rather than public property, per se. She added that the difference between ROW and public property, as explained by Town Attorney Stewart, is that ROW is narrowly designated for street and street-related uses (public utilities, mail stands, etc.) while public property is open to broader uses (public buildings, parks, etc.). She also reported that ROWs, when not used for streets, may revert, in certain situations, to the adjacent property owners. She cautioned that Town Attorney Stewart has not completed his research so she may have more to report next month.

Councilmember Leider suggested that the Town seriously consider leasing the existing garage to the new property owner for a fee. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will discuss the possibility with Town Attorney Stewart and report to the Council in February.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that John Rose served as Mayor Pro Tem during his last term on Council and his departure leaves that position open.

MOTION: Councilmember Leider nominated Councilmember Robinson to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Young seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will bring a new bank signature card to Councilmember Robinson.

BATES HEDGE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens asked about the status of the hedge at the corner of SE 29th Street and 106th Place SE. After some discussion to bring the new Councilmembers up to date on the issue, Mayor Wells offered to follow up on contacting the adjacent owner.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the December 31, 2005 warrant list, including warrant numbers 6912 through 6927 in the amount of \$9,085.47.

Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the January 10, 2006 warrant list, including warrant numbers 6928 through 6937 in the amount of \$5,967.33. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that Street/Water Superintendent Bill Beck has requested a stipend increase of \$100 per month increasing his payment for regular maintenance services to the Street and Water Department from \$9,600 to \$10,800. Mr. Durr explained that, if the Town used a company to perform the same duties as Mr. Beck does under his contract with the Town, we would undoubtedly pay more for the same services. He added that when Mr. Beck chooses to retire, we may be faced with making just such a change.

After additional discussion about Mr. Beck's scope of duties and other related issues, it was the consensus of the Council to wait until Councilmember Sharp returns since 40% of Mr.

Beck's time is spent working in the Street Department.

Mr. Durr and the Council then discussed the security of the water distribution system. Mr. Durr will implement changes as needed.

WABA REPORT: No report.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Robinson reported that he is working with Blockwatch Coordinator Sylvia Hobbs to get the Blockwatch Captains involved in SPAN (Strengthening Preparedness Among Neighbors) training offered through the City of Bellevue. He then took a few moments to describe the SPAN network and his ideas for developing an emergency-response plan for the Town, noting that the objective is to prepare our residents to be self-sufficient for 7 to 10 days after a regional disaster. He added that he plans to complete work on this plan in 2006.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 230 RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF STAFF SGT. CHRIS VAN DER HORN: Mayor Wells explained that the Council has recognized the military service of its residents over the years, which is why this resolution is before the Council tonight.

MOTION: Councilmember Leider moved to adopt Resolution No. 230 recognizing the distinguished service of Staff Sgt. Chris Van Der Horn in the Iraq War. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 231 APPROVING THE 2006 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR ARCH (A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING): Mayor Wells explained what ARCH does and that the Town contributes toward ARCH's administrative expenses as an effective means of meeting the Growth Management Act's requirement to provide for affordable housing.

MOTION: Councilmember Leider moved to adopt Resolution No. 231 approving the 2006 Work Program and Budget for ARCH. Councilmember Robinson seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 340 AMENDING ORD. NO. 331 RELATING TO THE TOWN'S ADOPTION OF ITS UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that she prepared this ordinance based on suggestions from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, which is the agency in charge of monitoring Growth Management compliance. She added that the state has reviewed our previous adopting ordinances, pre-approved their language, and later found small "non-compliance" issues with the ordinances at a later date, but added that she is hopeful this will be the last amendment.

MOTION: Councilmember Robinson moved to pass Ordinance No. 340 amending Ord. No. 331 relating to the Town's adoption of its updated Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Wells opened the discussion by saying that, with so many new Councilmembers, it was timely to discuss the various duties traditionally performed by each position and to consider changing the division of duties to better share the workload. After some discussion among Councilmembers about the rough list prepared for this meeting, it was the consensus of the Council to continue this discussion in February when Mayor Wells plans to ask the Council to confirm her appointment filling the remaining Council vacancy and Councilmember Sharp should be in attendance.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: No reports to add to the discussion above.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council the February meeting is scheduled for February 14th and will be held at Richard Leider's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Councilmember Leider seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer